

WALL STREET 'WOLF' LANDS IN TRAP SET FOR PLOTTERS

David Lamar, 'Telephone Liar';
Two Former Congressmen and
Others Arrested For Foment-
ing Strikes in Munition Plants

FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS TRUE BILLS

Captain Von Rintelen, Friend of
Kaiser, Accused of Having Used
Indicted Men To Bribe Facto-
ry Hands With German Money

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, December 29.—David Lamar, 'the Wolf of Wall Street,' who has been before in the national spotlight as a telephone liar; former Congressman H. Robert Fowler, who has been attorney for the Labor's National Peace Council; Congressman Frank Buchanan of Chicago; former Attorney General Frank Monnet of Ohio; Jacob Taylor, president of the Labor's National Peace Council; Capt. Frank von Rintelen, alleged to be a personal friend of the Kaiser and of Prince Henry of Prussia, a German army officer; R. B. Martin and Herman Schulteis were indicted yesterday by the federal grand jury investigating what are known as 'the bought, and paid for' strikes in the American factories and manufacturing plants working on war orders for the Allies. The indictments charge fomenting strikes in American munition factories.

No warrants were issued as yet on the indictments, some of those mentioned being already under arrest and the others being expected to appear voluntarily to plead on the indictments.

According to the officials connected with the office of United States District Attorney Marshall, Monnet, Fowler, Buchanan and Lamar are named on the indictments as leaders in the strike conspiracy. Von Rintelen is named as the financier who supplied the bribe funds, while Lamar, on a second indictment, is named with Taylor, Martin and Schulteis as the actual bribers of the factory employees.

Lamar is credited with having handled money received from Von Rintelen to the amount of \$400,000.

RING IS EXPOSED BY ITS SECRETARY

Practically all the activities of Labor's National Peace Council, alleged by United States Attorney Marshall to have been financed by money supplied by von Rintelen, have been laid bare. The disclosures were made by L. P. Struble, secretary of the organization, which is said to have gone out of business when von Rintelen left the country.

The books and documents are abundant, but give little indication of the sums amounting to \$500,000, said to have been doled out by von Rintelen through Lamar, and which subsequently are alleged to have found their way to an inner ring of the council. Copies of von Rintelen's papers and some of the originals taken from him by the British at Falmouth were given to Mr. Marshall by the state department.

Von Rintelen was a close friend of Andrew D. Meloy, an American broker, who was a fellow-passenger with him on a trip to Europe which ended in the detention of Meloy and the arrest of von Rintelen when the vessel reached Falmouth.

Von Rintelen, who is a German, went abroad on a fraudulently obtained American passport, and in the belief that Meloy knew much about the manner in which the passport was obtained, officials arrested him on his arrival from Europe about three months ago.

Recently, on advice of his counsel, Meloy made a clean confession to Mr. Marshall, then went to Washington, where, it is said, he made revelations to the state department.

Von Rintelen is also charged with having been the agent of the German government supposed to have incited some of the recent revolts in Mexico, the object being to force American intervention and thus prevent the full work of the various munition plants on orders for the Allies.

It is reported that von Rintelen came first to the United States in 1906, when he laid the groundwork for the plots now alleged to be under way. At that time the German agent had an office at 52 Williams Street, New York, and was associated with the Deutches Bank.

The amount of money said to have been at the disposal of von Rintelen amounts to millions.

The German government, since von Rintelen's arrest, has formally disowned any responsibility for him or his activities.

JAPANESE BUILDING AT FAIR TO BE HOTEL

(Special Cablegram to Hawaii Ship.)
SAN FRANCISCO, December 28.—Japanese officials announced today that the Japanese building at the exposition would be moved to 351 Pine street in this city, where the building would be used as a hotel by the Imperial Hotel Company.

NEW LINE OF SHIPS TO BE PUT IN TRADE WITH AUSTRALASIA

Seattle Is American Terminus
With Honolulu As a Port
of Call

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SEATTLE, December 29.—The traffic manager of the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound railroad, heading a combination of local shippers, announced yesterday that he is organizing a steamship company which is prepared to build a line of three combination freight and passenger steamers to run in the American-Australian-New Zealand trade, with calls at Honolulu on all trips. The accumulation of export freight, which at the present time can be handled by neither the Canadian-Australian liners from Vancouver nor the Oceanic liners from San Francisco, makes an other line necessary. The new line will have its American terminus at Seattle. Contracts for the three steamers are expected to be placed with American builders within a few weeks.

TEUTONS PLAN TO BOTTLE UP ALLIES

Berlin Believed To Have Aban-
doned Idea of Offensive
Against Salonika

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, December 29.—According to the best obtainable advices from the Balkans it is now believed that the invasion of Greece by the Teutons and the Bulgars has been given up, both because of the military difficulties which would have to be faced in storming the defenses of the Allies before Salonika, believed by the Entente to be impregnable, and because of the political complications that would probably result.

It is believed that the strategists of the Central Powers have come to the conclusion that an offensive against Salonika would be fruitless, while an offensive that failed would entail enormous losses and mean a loss of prestige. That all necessary purpose may be accomplished by keeping the Anglo-French forces cooped up in Salonika is supposed now to be the Teutonic decision.

For the carrying out of this plan, the Bulgars are reported to be entrenching for winter line well back from the Greek frontier. Dysentery is reported to be prevalent in the Bulgarian army. Bulgarian deserters who have reached Salonika so reporting.

It is also stated that the shortage in copper from which the Teutons are alleged to have been suffering for some time is now being felt in Bulgaria, where the government is seizing all the copper cooking utensils throughout the country for utilization in the munition factories.

According to a Havana Agency despatch from Florida, Greece, King Constantine of Bulgaria, accompanied by his son, Prince Boris, the heir apparent, and a German prince, believed to be one of the sons of the Kaiser, have all fled for Monastir, travelling incognito.

SEAMEN'S MEASURE PRAISED BY SAVANT

Better No American Merchant
Marine Than Ships Without
American Mariners

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 29.—"Better no American merchant marine at all than a merchant marine without American mariners," said Prof. Henry W. Farnham, who occupies the chair of political economy at Yale, in an address yesterday before the convention of delegates of the American Association for Labor Legislation, in which he praised the La Follette Seamen's Act and defended its workings against the criticisms of the ship owners and others.

Andrew Furuseth, president of the American Seamen's Union, who is credited with having secured the enactment of the La Follette Act, stated in regard to the workings of the law that it would not injure the ship owners seriously. The law has not been in operation long enough, he said, to determine the ultimate results either for good or bad.

The steamship associations were not represented at the convention.

ARMY REVIEW IN JANUARY
(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
TOKIO, December 28.—The grand military review will be held at the Aoyama Palace grounds in this city on January 8. Emperor Yoshihito will review the troops.

WHOOPIING COUGH.
When your child has whooping cough be careful to keep the cough loose and expectoration easy by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as may be required. This remedy will also liquify the tough mucus and make it easier to expectorate. It has been used successfully in many epidemics and as it contains no narcotic or other injurious substances it is perfectly safe. For sale by all dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

AUSTRIA DRAWING CLOSE TO RUPTURE WITH WASHINGTON

Washington Hears Vienna Will
Refuse Demands Made By
United States

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 29.—Official information of a credible nature in Washington circles today is that Austria will not meet the demands for disavowal and reparation voiced in the United States' notes concerning the sinking of the Italian passenger liner Ancona.

Austria's refusal to comply with the demands of the United States is believed to have brought definite action appreciably nearer.

Teutonic diplomats are represented as preparing for a severance of relations with the United States government.

PARIS EXPECTS SPLIT

PARIS, December 28.—Unconfirmed advices received here from Vienna convey the impression that the Austrian reply on the American demands regarding the Ancona will be such as to result in a severance of relations between the Dual Monarchy and the United States.

TEUTON DRIVE AT SUEZ IS RUMORED

London Hears Kaiser Has Select-
ed Von Mackensen To Com-
mand Great Thrust

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, December 29.—Official circles here have been stirred as never before by the reports reaching here from many sources to the effect that Germany is preparing a tremendous drive against Egypt, the keystone of the British Empire.

It is reported that Field Marshal von Mackensen has been selected by the Kaiser himself to lead the invasion of Egypt, and that gigantic preparations are being made for the expedition one of the most formidable in the history of the world are being rushed.

Turkey, it is said, will be left to hold the Allied forces in the Dardanelles, should the Allies continue attacking there, and also despatch forces to hold back the British in Mesopotamia. This will leave free the huge Austrian and German expeditionary force, which will strike at the Suez Canal.

GOVERNOR HANNA QUITS FORD PARTY

He Is 'Very Ill' and Probably a
Victim of Typhoid
Fever

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, December 29.—Another prominent member of the Ford peace delegation has been compelled to leave the party through ill-health, according to a despatch from Stockholm from the correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph. This is Gov. L. B. Hanna of North Dakota, the only Governor of a state in the party.

Governor Hanna, according to the despatch, is 'very ill and is probably a victim of typhoid fever.'

A public meeting under the auspices of the members of the Ford party was held in the Swedish capital yesterday, characterized by the most enthusiastic demonstration for peace in Stockholm since the war began. When Louis Loehner, secretary of the Ford party announced that the committee had secret information that the belligerents were willing to negotiate for peace, the meeting became tumultuous.

He said the committee had this information since the peace ship left New York.

Rev. Charles F. Aked, the San Francisco pastor, in an address found fault with President Wilson's failure to take the initiative in a peace movement.

PRESIDENT CELEBRATES HIS BIRTHDAY QUIETLY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
HOT SPRINGS, Virginia, December 29.—President and Mrs. Wilson spent the President's fifty-ninth birthday quietly here yesterday. The President took a long walk early in the day and spent the rest of the morning reading a shower of congratulations that came from all over the country. He also attended to some matters that demanded his personal attention. In the afternoon he and Mrs. Wilson took a long automobile drive, and in the evening the couple dined together privately.

AUTO PUT MAYOR IN JAIL

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
TOLEDO, Ohio, December 28.—Mayor Keller of Toledo was indicted today by a grand jury on the charge of accepting an auto as a bribe for his vote in awarding a contract for motor fire apparatus.

GREAT BRITAIN HOLDS UP MAILS

Nearly Three Thousand Pieces
Taken Off Steamer Sailing
From United States

PARCELS DECLARED FREIGHT

New York Report Says Germans
Are Posting Packages Con-
taining Copper

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, December 29.—The steamer United States of the Scandinavian line, which arrived at Christiania yesterday, reports that she was stopped by a British cruiser at a point east of the Shetland Islands on the thirteenth and taken into Greenock. Here the mail room of the steamer was searched and 2991 pieces of mail matter were taken off the ship by the British naval authorities. The liner was released on the eighteenth. It is explained at Washington that the Allies intend to seize and examine all mail between the United States and European neutral countries which is believed destined for Germany, on the ground of military necessity. The Allies claim that there is no inviolability for Teutonic mail because Turkey has not subscribed to the provisions of The Hague convention.

An Overseas Agency despatch from Berlin announces that the British patrol boats have seized the Holland-bound American mail from two other steamers. The British report states that what the American postoffice officials regard as parcel post, the British officials are treating as freight.

COPPER BY MAIL LATEST 'WAR PLOT'

NEW YORK, December 14.—Two hundred or more small packages, each weighing with about five pounds of copper, are being prepared for consignment to the Fatherland by German enthusiasts. The packages will be sent by first-class mail, and under the protection of the United States registry stamp, following close on the trail of the mail shipment of food for Germany, which left, similarly stamped, last Saturday on the Kristianiafjord.

The movement is a quiet one, and it was not intended by the organizers that any information regarding it should leak out before the shipment was on the seas, since it was hoped to forestall any precipitate action on the part of the postal authorities. An announcement was to have been made, and will still be made if the shipping of the packages is not prevented, after the boat is well away from New York.

The United States of the Scandinavian Line, sailing from New York on January 3 for Christiania, will be the boat which the German-Americans have picked to carry their small cargo of copper. The vessel sails directly for Sweden, touching at no English port, where the mails could be examined without boarding the ship on the high seas.

The two hundred packages of copper are not intended to relieve any great want in Germany, it is said, but merely to serve as an additional proof that the hyphenated citizens of this country are ready to aid the land of their birth in any way they are able, regardless of cost. The postage on each five-pound package of copper to Germany, including registration, will amount to \$2.32.

A portion of the copper is to be mailed direct to the department of war munitions in Berlin, but the packages will not be labelled in any way to show what their contents are. The remainder will be mailed to individuals, and the packages will contain instructions as to what use the copper is to be put.

Each package will be of a different size and shape. This method of routing the destinations and the appearance of the packages was adopted to avoid uniformity, which might prove helpful to the authorities in case of an effort to block the plan.

The postal authorities say that they have not received any instructions from Washington regarding the shipments to Germany, and that they will continue to accept all packages which do not violate the regulations in contents.

WAR FLAMES AFRESH IN EAST AND WEST

Renewal of Activities On Both
Great Fronts Reported

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, December 29.—There has been a renewal of activities along both the west and east fronts, according to the various reports that have been received from the Continent, the most vigorous fighting being in the Vosges, where the French launched a successful offensive against the German lines at Hirsztstein.

The successful advance of the French at this point is officially admitted at Berlin.

A Russian offensive against the Austrians along the Donets in Bessarabia is reported from Vienna, which states that the Russians were repulsed with heavy losses.

RITCHIE IS OUTFIGHT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, December 29.—Ted Lewis, of England, outfought and outgamed Willie Ritchie, in nine out of the ten rounds of their bout here last night.

CAPTAIN BOY-ED SAILS AFTER PARTING SHOT AT AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS

President's Private Envoy and
Minister Whitlock Are Aboard
Same Steamer

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, December 28.—Capt. Franz Boy-Ed, the German naval attaché who, with Captain von Pape, has been recalled at the request of the United States 'for military and naval activities,' sailed today on the steamer Rotterdam for Germany. Before his departure Captain Boy-Ed made a statement denouncing the 'reckless utterances of the irresponsible press.' He predicted that the United States some day in self-defense will find it necessary to curb the press.

In the same steamer sailing Col. E. M. House, close friend and adviser of the President, and Brand Whitlock, the American minister to Belgium, Colonel House is going to Europe to convey to American diplomatic representatives there matters from the President which cannot be entrusted to the mails or the telegraph and to receive reports from them. Minister Whitlock is returning to his post, having come to America on leave on account of his health.

CHINESE PROVINCES JOIN REVOLUTION

Representatives Meet and An-
nounce Independence

(Special Cablegram to Liberty News)

SHANGHAI, December 28.—Four provinces of southern China have officially declared their independence of Yuan Shih-kai. With the province of Yunnan already declared for independence a stretch of country from Ningpo to Burma is opposed to recognition of the monarchy. The provinces which have already made their stand against the monarchy are Szechuen, Kweichow, Hupeh, Kiangsi and Yunnan.

Representatives of the provinces of southern China met today in this city and as a result of a lengthy conference announced their independence. The report of the representatives at the meeting today stated that not only the civilians of the provinces, but the military officials and soldiers have gone over to the revolutionary party.

This report was confirmed when a despatch was received from Chee Si, military governor of the Kiang, stating that his troops had announced that they would support the revolutionary party. Then Chai mei, representing the nationalist party, and Mr. Sun (not Dr. Sun Yat Sen), representing the progressives, met at Shanghai Monday and agreed to cooperate in opposing Yuan.

BERNHARDT TO FILL LONDON ENGAGEMENT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
ANDERSON, France, December 29.—Sara Bernhardt, who has recovered from her recent severe attack of bronchitis, has left Paris and is en route to London, where she will give a series of recitals. The famous actress is unable to walk, but will recite from her chair.

MILLIONS OF INDIANS READY TO SERVE EMPIRE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
BOMBAY, India, December 29.—"Millions of Indians are waiting to be called upon to serve the empire." This was the keynote of the addresses made yesterday at the opening of the Indian national congress, at which there were more than ten thousand delegates.

BARNES PAYS HIGH FOR SLANDERING ROUGH RIDER

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SYRACUSE, December 28.—Colonel Roosevelt was today allowed \$1442 cost, as the result of the libel suit brought against him by William Barnes, the Republican leader of New York. A new trial has been denied Barnes.

NEW ENGLAND RECOVERING FROM DAMAGE BY BIG BLOW

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, December 27.—New York and New England States are recovering from the snow and wind-storm which has been sweeping this section. The wind reached 90 miles an hour and was accompanied by thunder and lightning. Telegraph poles were leveled, railroads crippled for eight hours in and around this city, and severe damage was done to shipping and buildings.

DICTATOR HUERTA ILL AND REMOVED TO HOME

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
EL PASO, December 27.—Gen. Victoriano Huerta, former dictator president of Mexico, and held at Fort Bliss for violation of the neutrality laws of the United States, has fallen seriously ill and has been removed from the prison at Fort Bliss to the home his wife has established here. He was arrested just before trying to cross the border to head what was charged to be a new revolutionary movement.

MOVEMENT BEGINS TO WIPE OUT BOOZE

Petitions To Both Houses of Con-
gress Ask For Prohibition
In Hawaii

"Prohibition in Hawaii," the slogan of the movement inaugurated by the anti-saloon league, some time ago, took on fresh significance yesterday morning with the beginning of active work by the league in circulating a petition to both houses of congress, asking that the Territory be added to the "dry" ranks in the Union.

This petition, which is being signed in duplicate, one for each house of congress, reads:

"We, the undersigned residents of the Territory of Hawaii, hereby respectfully petition your honorable body for the enactment of a law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors within said territory and forbidding the importation of the same, except for specified purposes, into the Territory from abroad or from any other state or territory of the Union."

Dr. J. W. Wadman, superintendent of the anti-saloon league, said yesterday that the work is progressing satisfactorily, although as yet the campaign has not been opened in the city itself, save among the mercantile houses in Fort Street, where a test canvass has been begun by two volunteer workers.

The national board of control of the anti-saloon league, at its last meeting, said Doctor Wadman, "included within its plan of operations for this year a federal bill prohibiting liquor in the District of Columbia, Alaska and Hawaii. In backing up this movement of the central body the local branch of the league has prepared petitions to congress asking for prohibition in this Territory. These petitions have been sent out to the members of the league, who have been circulating them in the outside districts."

The test in Fort street already has netted results in the shape of signatures to the petition, most of the business men approached having signed.

JAPANESE CRUISERS ORDERED TO YUNNAN

Two Warships Will Sail Today
For Tonkin Gulf

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji)

TOKIO, December 28.—Two Japanese cruisers, Tokiwa and Chitose, will sail tomorrow for Tonkin gulf. Yunnan province, fronting on Tonkin gulf, is restless. Liu Tsing-yu, Chinese minister to Japan, conferred twice today with Minister of Foreign Affairs Ishii, the subject being unknown, but the cruisers were requested of the navy department immediately after, so that it is presumed the conference led to the decision to send them.

Yuan's troops in Yunnan have revolted and are advancing to Kwangsi and Kweichow provinces, which also declared their independence today.

Yunnan province borders Burma and French Indo-China. The other provinces east of Yunnan.

HUNDREDS IN PERIL ON GREEK STEAMER

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SANDY HOOK, New York, Decem-
ber 29.—Wireless despatches from the Greek steamer Thessaloniki, announce that that vessel is in distress at sea off here. She has three hundred passengers on board, and has appealed for assistance. The U. S. S. Seneca has been sent to render aid if possible, and other vessels are reported to be hurrying to the rescue.

PROPOSED NAVAL SCHOOL FOR THE PACIFIC COAST

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 28.—Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels announced today that when the increased naval program is ultimately consummated, a second naval academy will be necessary. He favors the Pacific Coast as the site for the new institution.

Senator Phelan and Congressman Kent of California are preparing the bills establishing such an academy. The site is not mentioned in the bills as they are being drafted.

EASTERN INTERESTS TAKE OVER ALASKAN STEAMERS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SEATTLE, December 28.—One of the largest ship charters in the history of this port was closed today, according to well defined reports in shipping circles. The Alaska steamers, Admiral Selkirk and Admiral Clark, have been taken by New York interests to carry sugar from the West Indies to Manhattan.

The price paid, it is declared, is six hundred dollars a day for each bottom.

AN IMPROVED QUININE DOES NOT AFFECT THE HEAD

Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE will be found better than ordinary Quinine. Does not cause nervousness, nor ringing in the head. Remember, there is only one "Bromo Quinine." The signature of E. W. Grove is on each box.

CONSCRIPTION PERIL BRINGS CABINET NEAR FINAL BREAK

Coalition Government Believed To
Be Tottering To Its Fall On
Still Unsettled Question of Com-
pulsory Service For British

ASQUITH MAY ASK MODIFIED MEASURE FROM PARLIAMENT

Report In London Asserts Prime
Minister Intends Demanding
Power To Impress All Unmar-
ried Men In George's Empire

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, December 29.—The crisis which has arisen over the question of conscription in England shows no signs of abating, and the announcement that the cabinet has decided upon a modified form of compulsory service has added to, rather than subtracted, from the feeling that matters have reached a very serious stage.

The report is current here that Premier Asquith will introduce into the house of commons a bill empowering the government to compel the unmarried men of the empire to take service in the army. It is said that this measure will be introduced this week, but there is no official statement upon which to base this assertion.

Meaning the opponents of conscription are hoping against hope that the influx of recruits under the plan proposed by Lord Derby, will be so great that the advocates of compulsion will abandon their stand, and so preserve the coalition cabinet intact.

Should the enlistments fail to reach the desired numbers it is practically certain that the cabinet will fall, as Messrs. McKenna and Ramsden, and others, are sure to resign if any scheme of enforced service is proposed to parliament.

The proposition to prolong the working of the Derby plan is being bitterly opposed by Lord Derby himself, on the ground that it has but postponed and not solved the settlement of the problem of getting sufficient men to do the work in the trenches.

FRENCH CHAMBER CHEERS MINISTER

PARIS, December 29.—There was a scene of the utmost enthusiasm in the French chamber yesterday following a speech by the minister of war, General Gallieni, in which he announced that France now wants the war to continue and is not prepared to listen to any terms of peace which the foe might be ready to offer.

The minister of war addressed the senate and house of deputies in joint session in the assembly hall of the deputies. Eighteen months ago, he said, France desired to have peace with all her neighbors and the nation was united to that end. Now, with war having come without the desire of France and without the fault of France, the nation wants war and wants it carried on energetically and to a finish. To that end, France is prepared to use all its resources, confident in final victory.

The entire senate rose as a mark of respect to the minister, as he concluded his address, while the deputies cheered.

The bill upon which the minister was speaking, calling on the class of 1917 for immediate service, was then passed. Subscriptions to the new French loan exceed fourteen and a half billion of francs, mostly in cash.

ASK CONGRESS TO OUTLINE POLICY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 29.—The growing feeling of uneasiness in official circles over the situation abroad, was manifested here yesterday, when it became known that the heads of the war department have decided to call upon congress for a speedy and definite statement of the military policies of the nation.

The department is anxious to have this as a basis upon which it may go ahead with the organization of a citizen army, at first of volunteers, and later perhaps of men gathered by a system of universal military service.

In view of the situation at home, of fields of the departments of war and state are anxiously watching the fight for and against conscription in England, where the effort is being made to conduct the war with volunteers.

KING OF ITALY WOUNDED, SAY BERLIN DESPATCHES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
BERLIN, December 29.—According to despatches received by the Overseas News Agency from Italian sources, King Victor Emmanuel has been seriously wounded by the explosion of an Austrian hand grenade thrown at him during one of the recent hand to hand fights on the Italian front. He is declared to be suffering severely, and to have been taken to a hospital near the front.